

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

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Please replace the paragraph commencing at line 6 with the following amended paragraph:

Three holders are seen in Fig. 2, the first designated 104', accommodating a container filled with a pasty substance 122 prior to its introduction to apparatus 100; the second holder designated 104" being situated and forming a function as a part of a workstation 100'; the third holder designated [[104""]] 104'" accommodating a sealed container exiting from workstation 100' and sealed with a closure 124. It is thus apparent that carousel 120 ~~isolates~~ rotates in the direction of arrow 126.

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Replace the paragraph commencing at line 16 with the following amended paragraph:

A first step of operation can be seen in Figs. 3A and 4A. Container body 106, having in this specific embodiment inverted frustoconical shape, is received within holder 104 with the container's rim 107 resting over skirt 110. A film sheet 200 is

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U tensioned between the spacer member 130 and film pressing plate 154 with sealing and trimming mechanism 150 being in a state such that heat welding plate 160 is distanced from the film. Film pressing plate 154 is displaced axially in its downward direction by means of the pneumatic or hydraulic pistons 182 and 184, extracting and retracting the respective piston rods 186 and 188 and ~~which~~ are articulated at bores 190 and 192, respectively ~~to made in the~~ film pressing plate 154.

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Replace the paragraph commencing at line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

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U At a next stage seen in Figs. 3B and 4B, the holder 104 and the remaining part of apparatus 100 are mutually displaced (either by elevating holder 104 or by lowering the reigning parts of the apparatus) so as to bring to engagement of spacer member 130 with peripheral portion 109 (Fig. 4A) of the holder, with an O-ring 111 fitted within a groove at a bottom face of spacer member 130, ensuring that the attachment will be in a gas-tight manner (not permitting gas passage through interface between these ~~two-bodies~~ bodies).

Replace the paragraph commencing at line 9 with the following amended paragraph:

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In a next step shown in Figs. 3C and 4C, pressing plate 154 is lowered by means of piston rods 186 and 188, whereby the film is pressed between juxtaposed faces of film pressing plate 154 and upper face of spacer member 130. The O-ring 190 received within groove in the upper face of spacer member 130, ensures a gas-tight seal between film 200 and the spacer member. In this manner, a confined space 204 is defined between the container body 106, the film 200 and inwardly facing wall ~~surfaces~~surface of holder~~plate~~ 104 and spacer member 130.